

Halt Student Exchanges With Reds, Group Asks

A House subcommittee has called for the discontinuance of the cultural-educational exchange program between the United States and Russia. It charged that Soviet students in this country can spy into scientific developments while American studies in Russia "border on boondoggling."

On the basis of a closed session last week with Yale Prof. Frederick C. Barghoorn, the House Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality decided yesterday to ask Secretary of

State-Rusk to let the program expire December 31.

Subcommittee Chairman Feighan, Democrat of Ohio, contended that a "great imbalance" exists between subjects studied by United States and Russian participants in the exchange program.

He prepared a comparative chart which he said showed that subjects studied by Americans in Russia were heavily weighted in favor of Soviet his-

tory, police, literature and administration.

He said Soviet students in the United States have an opportunity to learn in scientific, mathematical and technical areas.

"Russian student and scientific studies in the United States penetrate into the vitals of our scientific life while studies pursued by legitimate American students in Soviet Russia border on boondoggling," Mr. Feighan said.

"To permit this condition to continue would be a major assist to the Russians in their efforts to catch up with and surpass the United States in critical fields of science and technology. The program provides a legal cover for Russian scientific espionage in the United States."

Mr. Feighan did not disclose the closed session testimony of Prof. Barghoorn, who was detained by the Russians as a spy until United States protests

brought his release. Dr. Barghoorn has since said he still favored the exchange program and hoped his experience would not hamper it.

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Remarks: <p>The attached news item appeared in the 18 December EVENING STAR. Also attached is a short background paper on the student program prepared by our East/West Exchange Staff. You <u>may wish to forward this to John Warner.</u> I understand that it has been causing some consternation at State.</p>			
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